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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 November 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6, 8-22 are pending. Claims 1, 8 and 13 have been amended. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 9-22 have been renumbered and has overcome the previous objection.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/16/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

2. With respect to Claim 1, the limitation of "wherein said biometric data is operable be removed from said portable computing device by a remote station on said computer network" is met by Helferich (6087956) in the abstract. Borza discloses a portable biometric device that communicates data to a receiver. The biometric data is read by the biometric sensing means (page 5, 5th paragraph) and compared with previously stored biometric data on the portable device (page 3, last paragraph) and if a positive result is obtained, access to a host system is authorized (see page 5, 5th paragraph). Helferich (abstract) discloses a paging transceiver for selectively erasing information. The paging transceiver allows a user to erase information stored at the paging transceiver and corresponding information stored at a remote system. Hence it is obvious to apply the teachings of Helferich of erasing stored information on a device in a network (see Helferich, Fig. 3) from a remote location to Borza's system of stored biometric data on a portable device. Hence it is obvious to be able to remotely erase stored biometric data on the portable device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 10, 12-14, 16-19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borza (WO98/12670) in view of Helfereich (6087956)

With respect to Claim 1, Borza meets the limitation of “gaining access to said computer network by use of a portable computing device” on page 5, lines 18-24; and “reading biometric data peculiar to a user by the use of a biometric data reader coupled to said portable computing device” is met on page 8, lines 16-17 and on page 9, lines 11-15; and “comparing said biometric data to biometric data stored in said computer network for the purpose of identifying the user” is met on page 8, lines 27-28; and “denying further access to said computer network if said data comparison fails to identify said user as an authorized user” is met on page 16, lines 11-19. Borza however does not meet the following limitation.

The limitation of “wherein said biometric data is operable to be removed from said portable computing device by a remote station on said computer network” is met in the abstract of Helferich.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Helferich within the system of Borza so as to conserve memory space at the portable device (Helferich, abstract).

With respect to Claim 2, the limitation of “wherein said access to said computer network is by use of a wireless connection” is met by Borza on page 7, lines 28-30.

With respect to Claim 3, the limitation of “said biometric data is a fingerprint” is met by Borza on page 9, lines 13-15.

With respect to Claim 4, the limitation of “wherein said biometric data is an iris scan” is met by Borza on page 11, lines 18-21.

With respect to Claim 6, the limitation of “said biometric data can be programmed into said portable computing device by a remote station on said computer network” is met by Borza on page 19, lines 1-5.

With respect to Claim 9, the limitation of “wherein said biometric data is a fingerprint” is met by Borza on page 9, lines 13-15.

With respect to Claim 10, the limitation of “wherein said biometric data is an iris scan” is met inherently by Borza on page 11, lines 18-21.

With respect to Claim 12, all the limitation is met by Borza except the limitation disclosed below.

The limitation of “wherein said biometric data stored in said portable computing device can be controlled by a remote station on said computer network” is met by Helferich in the abstract.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Helferich within the system of Borza so as to enable the data to be remotely manipulated. If the data can be remotely manipulated, this can save the administrator time and money that could have been used to having the user mail/ship in the device to the administrator if it is not functioning correctly, to enable the device to be fixed.

With respect to Claim 13, the limitation of “a computer network, said computer network comprising one or more computer workstations, wherein access to said computer network is provided by said workstations” is met by Borza on page 8, lines 27-30; and “a portable computing device, said portable computing device providing wireless access to said computer network” is met on page 7, lines 27-31 and page 8, lines 1-3 of Borza; and “a biometric data reading device coupled to said portable computing device” is met by Borza on page 8, lines 16-17 and “a data storage device for storing biometric data capable of identifying one and only one user” is met by Borza on page 8, lines 26-29. Borza does not disclose the limitation disclosed below.

The limitation of “a wireless communication device coupled to said computer network, capable of enabling the loading and removing of said biometric data stored in said portable computing device and wherein said biometric data is operable to be removed from said portable computing device by one of said workstations on said computer network” is met partly by

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Helferich in the abstract. Helferich however does not disclose a biometric data being stored on a portable computing device. This is already covered by Borza on page 3, last paragraph.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Helferich within the system of Borza so as to enable the data to be remotely manipulated. If the data can be remotely manipulated, this can save the administrator time and money that could have been used to having the user mail/ship in the device to the administrator if it is not functioning correctly, to enable the device to be fixed.

With respect to Claim 14, Borza meets the limitation of “a bus, a memory unit coupled to said bus” is met inherently on Fig. 7; and “a data storage device coupled to said bus, capable of storing said biometric data” on page 8, lines 26-29 and on Fig. 8; and “a biometric data reader coupled to said bus” on page 8, lines 16-17; and “a communication device coupled to said bus for communicating with a computer network” is met by the transmitter on Fig. 6; and “a processor coupled to said bus, said processor for performing a method for identifying a user by use of said biometric data, said method comprising the steps of reading applicable biometric data; and comparing said biometric data with said biometric data stored in said memory unit” on page 3, lines 27-30.

With respect to Claim 16, the limitation of “wherein said biometric data reader is implemented as part of the portable computing apparatus” is met by Borza on page 8, lines 16-17.

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With respect to Claim 17, the limitation of “wherein said biometric data is a fingerprint” is met by Borza on page 9, lines 13-15.

With respect to Claim 18, the limitation of “wherein said biometric data is an iris scan” is met inherently by Borza on page 11, lines 18-21.

With respect to Claim 19, the limitation of “wherein said biometric data is any electronically storable identifying biometric data” is met by Borza on page 9, lines 13-15.

With respect to Claim 21, the limitation of “wherein said computer network further comprises a remote station connected to said computer” is met by Borza on page 8, lines 19-20.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borza (WO 98/12670) in view of Helferich (6087956) in further view of Kramer (6442286 B1).

With respect to Claim 5, all the limitation is met by the combination of Borza and Helferich except the limitation disclosed below.

The limitation of “wherein said biometric data comprises one or more measured electrical characteristics” is met by Kramer on column 3, lines 63-67.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Kramer with the combination of Borza and Helferich because this is an effective way to ensure that fingerprint being read is coupled to a living human being (Kramer, column 3, line 67, column 4, lines 1-3).

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over unpatentable over Borza (WO98/12670) in view of Helferich (6087956) in further view of Tomko et al (5712912).

With respect to Claim 8, Borza meets the limitation of “reading biometric data peculiar to a user” on page 9, lines 11-15; and “comparing said biometric data with previously stored biometric data for the purpose of identifying the user” is met on page 8, lines 27-28; and “preventing access in the user is not identified as an authorized user” is met on page 16, lines 11-19. Borza however does not meet the following limitation.

The limitation of “wherein said biometric data is operable to be removed from said portable computing device by a remote station on said computer network” is met by Helfereich in the abstract. The combination of Borza and Helferich however does not meet the following limitation.

The limitation of “storing said biometric data in said portable computing device” is met by Tomko on column 1, lines 32-40.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Tomko within the combination of Borza and Helferich because storing of biometric data at the computing device saves the time it would have taken to download the biometric data from a remote storage, when later needed. Hence, the data can be accessed as quickly as possible.

Claims 11, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borza (WO98/12670) in view of Helferich (6087956) in further view of Kramer (6442286 B1).

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With respect to Claim 11 and 20, all the limitation is met by the combination of Borza and Helferich except the limitation disclosed below.

The limitation of “wherein said biometric data comprises one or more measured electrical characteristics” is met by Kramer on column 3, lines 63-67.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Kramer within the combination of Borza and Helferich because this is an effective way to ensure that fingerprint being read is coupled to a living human being (Kramer, column 3, line 67, column 4, lines 1-3).

With respect to Claim 22, all the limitation is met by the combination of Borza, Helferich and Kramer except the limitation disclosed below.

The limitation of “uploading said biometric data from said portable computing apparatus” is met by Borza on page 8, lines 19-20; and “downloading said biometric data to said portable computing apparatus” is met by Borza on page 11, lines 1, 8-9 and 16-18. The combination of Borza and Kramer however does not meet the limitation disclosed below.

The limitation of “erasing said biometric data from said portable computing apparatus” is met by Helferich in the abstract.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Helferich with the combination of Borza and Kramer because erasing the data from the portable device helps in freeing memory in the portable device that could be used for other higher priority data.

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Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borza(WO98/12670) in view of Helferich (6087956) in further view of Maes et al (6016476).

With respect to Claim 15, all the limitation is met by the combination of Borza and Helferich except the limitation disclosed below.

The limitation of “wherein said portable computing apparatus is a personal data assistant (PDA)” is met by Maes et al in the abstract.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Maes et al within the combination of Borza and Helferich because a PDA is a well known portable device.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tracey Akpati whose telephone number is 571-272-3846. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30am-6.00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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